

involvement in state and local politics, including serving as Precinct Chair and D15 Caucus Chair. He was later recognized as Precinct Official of the Year in 2004 and in 2018 was inducted into the Montgomery County Human Rights Hall of Fame.

In 2003, in what has become his enduring legacy, Tufail co-established the Montgomery County Muslim Council where he spearheaded efforts to boost civic engagement in the Muslim community. He also co-founded the Montgomery County Muslim Foundation, an organization that aspires to a hunger-free and hate-free society for all people, regardless of their faith, race or gender. Under Tufail's determined leadership, the Montgomery County Muslim Foundation became one of the largest nonprofit charitable foundations in Montgomery County.

Tufail devoted his life to providing for, and sharing with, all of our people. His unshakable commitment to improving the lives of his friends, family, neighbors, and community embodies true American patriotism.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the remarkable life and wonderful legacy of my constituent, Tufail Ahmad.

REMEMBERING MR. WELTON M.
HOLMAN

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Mr. Welton M. Holman, a well-known educator and student motivator of Monroe, Louisiana who entered the gates of heaven on January 24, 2022.

Born in Monroe, Louisiana in 1946, Mr. Holman attended Richwood High School and was known as an outstanding football player. He attended Southern University in Baton Rouge on a full football scholarship and in 1971, he graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree—launching his lifelong journey of youth mentorship and coaching.

Mr. Holman taught and coached in Moorehouse Parish, Union Parish, and Claiborne Parish before coming home to the Monroe City School System at Carroll High School, where he spent most of his career teaching and coaching football.

To further his education before retirement, he also attended Grambling State University and Louisiana Tech University where he received his Masters of Science Degree.

Even when he was technically retired, he continued his passion as a substitute teacher until he passed away.

Whether they were on his team or not, most people called him “Coach.”

Over the years, Mr. Holman mentored many students, engaging them with his personality and positive spirit.

He appeared in theatrical performances, volunteered for community clean-ups, and was famous for his pep rally rendition of “Members Only.”

Coach's dream was to inspire and support young people, and he undoubtedly has

achieved this dream and has made a lasting difference on his community.

My deepest prayers are with Mr. Holman's family, friends, students, and loved ones in this difficult time, especially his stepdaughter, my dear friend Louisiana State Senator Katrina Jackson.

May you find comfort in scripture that reads, “I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13).

May they continue to live his dream as they cherish so many beautiful memories they had with him, and may Welton “Coach” Holman rest in heavenly peace.

RECOGNIZING PRIVATE FIRST
CLASS ZACHARY W. RIFFLE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today in great sorrow. On January 19, 2022, Private First Class (PFC) Zachary W. Riffle, from Kingwood, West Virginia, tragically passed away as a result of a tactical vehicular rollover in Onslow County, North Carolina. PFC Riffle was stationed in my Congressional district at Camp Lejeune and was a Landing Support Specialist with Combat Logistics Battalion 24, Combat Logistics Regiment 2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group.

PFC Riffle began his active duty in March of 2021. Since then, PFC Riffle's assignments include being stationed at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina; School of Infantry-East at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools.

PFC Riffle graduated from Preston High School, West Virginia where he played football and wrestled. His service to our country can best be shown by his decision to forgo his senior wrestling season to graduate early and become a Marine as soon as possible. In addition, PFC Riffle's selfless commitment to our nation can be shown by his attainment of the National Defense and Global War on Terrorism Service Medals. His duty and commitment to our country will never be forgotten and I am forever grateful for all that he accomplished and for his service to our beloved country.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in remembering this patriot and recognizing all the sacrifices that he made for our beloved country.

HONORING BARBARA PEARCE AND
JOE MOONEY FOR THEIR OUT-
STANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO
CONNECTICUT HOSPICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, nestled along the shore in Branford, Connecticut lies

Connecticut Hospice, an organization founded in 1974 by Florence Wald, then an Associate Professor and Dean of the Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing Program at Yale University, and dedicated to delivering coordinated, comprehensive and compassionate care to people with terminal illnesses and their families.

Connecticut Hospice was the first such organization of its kind in our nation and over the years, has cared for thousands of patients and provided comfort to them and their loved ones in their final days, becoming a national model of care and inspiring thousands of similar programs in other communities. Indeed, it was at Connecticut Hospice that I spent the last weeks with my mother, Luisa.

Just a few years ago, Connecticut Hospice was facing some difficult challenges and found itself in need of an organizational shake-up. That is when Barbara Pearce and Joe Mooney stepped up and became an integral part of Connecticut Hospice reaching a new bar of care and standard of service. Barbara took on the role of Chief Executive Officer and Joe the dual responsibilities of Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

Barbara Pearce, an active community leader and philanthropist, has dedicated countless years of service to a number of organizations as a board member or advisor. When she learned of the troubles at Connecticut Hospice, she decided to take on an enormous task. In her own words, Connecticut Hospice “is the mothership. We are the one that people look to and visit from around the country and around the world to see how cutting-edge, end-of-life care is delivered.” For that reason, “it is not enough to give good care.” As staff and volunteers will attest, Barbara was straightforward about the tough decisions that needed to be made. And anyone who knows Barbara will tell you, once she is focused on a goal, she is a force of nature.

Recently retired from state service as a Deputy Commissioner at the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services and with over forty years of experience as a financial executive in both the government and private sector, Joe Mooney was just the person Connecticut Hospice needed to step in as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer. With his background, Joe was in a unique position to utilize his talents and expertise to not only right the ship but ensure its solid foundation for the future.

Since its inception, Connecticut Hospice has always been a leader in caring for the terminally ill and their families. Under the careful direction of Barbara and Joe, the organization has navigated many challenges and obstacles, including the Covid-19 pandemic. Though they both originally planned for their intervention to be brief, they have chosen to stay on. It is their vision and leadership that will ensure Connecticut Hospice can continue in its mission to provide the very best of comfort and care to the terminally ill and their loved ones in the most vulnerable of times. It is a gift we are all beyond grateful to them to have preserved. It is my honor to join the staff, volunteers and families of Connecticut Hospice in extending my deepest thanks and appreciation to Barbara Pearce and Joe Mooney for their outstanding efforts on behalf of this very special organization. I look forward to continuing our work together.

APPLAUDING PINELLAS PARK
HIGH SCHOOL FOR THREE CON-
GRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE
WINS

HON. CHARLIE CRIST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Mr. CRIST. Madam Speaker, I am honored to congratulate the students, teachers, and alumni of my home district's own Pinellas Park High School for winning the 2021 Congressional App Challenge for Florida's 13th Congressional District. This will be Pinellas Park High School's third winning submission to the Congressional App Challenge in only five years—the most for any school in Florida's 13th District.

Since our first Congressional App Challenge in 2017, the students of the Pinellas Park High School STEM Club have submitted highly original and technically sophisticated apps addressing the needs of the culturally-diverse communities I'm honored to represent. Helmed by their dedicated STEM teacher, Lafrance "Joe" Clark, this club has proven time and again the power of hands-on STEM instruction, collaboration, and teamwork.

Over the past five years, the winning teams of Pinellas Park High School have created apps that address a host of issues facing our community. From large challenges like those confronting Pinellas Veterans transitioning to civilian life, to smaller but still important ones like the lack of accessible information on teen skincare, these students have used technology to tackle the tough problems they see in the world around them. This year's winning submission, Healthy Minds, is no exception—providing a platform for teens experiencing mental health challenges to access health providers, resources, and expert information.

As the Representative for Florida's 13th Congressional District, I want to congratulate our 2021 Congressional App Challenge winners—Trudy Kwok, Jenna Nguyen, Gabriel Moreno, and Rashonda Fayson. Under the leadership of the excellent Mr. Joe Clark, they are doing their STEM club, school, and community proud.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF LUSIA "LUCY" HARRIS STEW-
ART

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of a remarkable individual basketball champion, Lusia "Lucy" Harris Stewart.

Lucy was born February 10, 1955, in Minter City, Mississippi to Ethel and Willie Harris. Lucy, at the age of 66, was called to her heavenly resting place on Wednesday, January 18, 2022, at Greenwood-Leflore Hospital in Greenwood, MS.

From her humble beginnings in rural Leflore County, Lucy, along with her eleven siblings, were raised on a system of integrity premised on the tenets of love, kindness and compassion imparted by their parents who instilled a

central moral compass that echoed the heart of the Good Samaritan and core ethical values encompassed in the importance of work, family, community, and the love of God.

A graduate of Amanda Elzy High School in Greenwood, MS, Lucy received a Bachelor of Science in Education degree in health, physical education, and recreation in 1977, a master's degree in education in 1984 and an honorary doctorate degree in 2014—all from Delta State University. Lucy still owns a plethora of Lady Statesmen basketball records and has the honor of holding another distinction: at the 1976 Olympics, Lucy scored the first points ever recorded in an Olympic women's basketball game. Lucy changed the face of women's basketball. Opponents called her unstoppable but even that barely described her approach to the game.

To this date, Lucy is still Delta State's career record holder in points (2,891) and rebounds (1,662) and averaged 25.9 points and 14.5 rebounds per game in 115 career games played. Lucy shot an astonishing 63.3 percent from the field in her illustrious collegiate career.

She holds the distinction as being the first female, collegiate player inducted in the National Basketball Hall of Fame (1992) and is a member of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame (1999). She is also a member of the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame (1990) and the Delta State Sports Hall of Fame (1983). Lucy collected Kodak All-American honors in 1975, 1976, and 1977, and was the Mississippi Sportsperson of the Year in 1976. She became the first and only woman drafted by the NBA, when the New Orleans Jazz selected her in the 1977 draft.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life, legacy, and service of Mrs. Lusia "Lucy" Harris Stewart.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DON
HANSEN

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Don Hansen, who passed away on January 5, 2022.

In 1938, as a young boy, Don and his family moved from Iowa to San Clemente, a beautiful beach town in my congressional district in Southern California. When Don turned twelve, he worked at the San Clemente Pier, hauling fish from arriving ships to the shore. Later, Don enlisted in the United States Coast Guard at the age of eighteen, serving four years—with two of those years stationed in Guam.

Don moved back to San Clemente after his honorable discharge, working at a sportfishing company that he would ultimately buy in 1966. Each season, Don took over 10,000 fishermen into the waters off the coast of Southern California. In 1970, he was honored as San Clemente's "Citizen of the Year" for his efforts.

A year later, Don moved his operation a few miles north of San Clemente to Dana Point Harbor, founding Dana Wharf Sportfishing and Whale Watching, the harbor's first business. During that time, he helped jumpstart the whale watching industry and created the first

and longest-running annual whale festival in the world, the Dana Point Festival of Whales. In March 2021, I was honored to celebrate the Festival's 50th anniversary with Don and his family.

Beyond his role as a business owner and leader of his community, Don was always a strong advocate for sustainable fishing. The Coastal Conservation Association of California awarded Don its highest honor, the Anthony Hsieh Conservation Award, for his decades of work to improve the accessibility of sportfishing. He maintained positions on the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, Pacific Fisheries Management Council, and the Sportfishing Association of California. He is survived by his children, David, Michael, Jeff, Donna, Jane, and Jennifer, and his 15 grandchildren.

Don Hansen lived an incredible and full life. He was a central part of his community and his love of the ocean and his dedication to the conservation, understanding, and appreciation of whales changed Southern California for the better. We are grateful for his service and contributions to his community.

RECOGNIZING MS. SARONDA
LEWIS AS THE WALTON COUNTY,
FLORIDA EDUCATIONAL SUP-
PORT PROFESSIONAL OF THE
YEAR

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Saronda Lewis as the Walton County Educational Support Professional of the Year. Since August of 1998, Ms. Lewis has served the Walton County School District with exceptional passion and an unwavering commitment to serving others.

In Northwest Florida, we are fortunate to have some of the best educational support professionals in the Nation. It is recognized that the position of Food Services Manager can be difficult but can also be so rewarding. Ms. Lewis has performed her many duties without any question, while also committing to provide a big smile for all those she encounters.

Her support and outreach extend far beyond the hearts and minds of her own students through her willingness to help wherever assistance is needed. Ms. Lewis has displayed dedicated teamwork by coordinating events, like Freeport's Annual Bayfest and the Spring Festival. I commend her for her steadfast willingness to serve as an example for those that matter most, the students and youth of our Nation.

For all of her admirable contributions, I am truly proud to have Ms. Lewis as a constituent in Florida's First Congressional District.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Ms. Saronda Lewis for her accomplishments and her commitment to excellence, professionalism, innovation, and collaboration in the Walton County School District. I thank her for her service and wish her all the best for continued success.